



KODIAK AREA SUBSISTENCE FISHERY NEWS RELEASE



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The Afognak Lake lower escapement goal for sockeye salmon (20,000) has been achieved. Approximately 21,769 sockeye salmon have migrated upstream past the Litnik weir counting station to date. The desired escapement for this date ranges from 17,877 to 44,462.

In order to allow for subsistence opportunities on returning salmon expected to return to Afognak Bay, the Alaska Department of Fish and Game and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Kodiak National Wildlife Refuge are jointly acting to reopen subsistence salmon fishing in those waters of Afognak Bay that were previously closed. Effective 12:01 a.m. July 26, subsistence salmon fishing will be allowed in all waters of Afognak Bay south and east of a line from the tip of Last Point to the tip of Rivermouth Point, or as posted by ADF&G regulatory markers in that area. All freshwater streams of Afognak Bay remain closed to subsistence salmon fishing.

The Alaska Department of Fish and Game, under the direction of the Alaska Board of Fisheries, manages sport, commercial, personal use, and state subsistence harvest on all lands and waters throughout Alaska. However, the Federal Subsistence Board assures a subsistence priority for rural residents as provided by Title VIII of ANILCA.

Fishermen are reminded that they should consult both State of Alaska fishing regulations and the Federal Subsistence Management regulations for waters subject to ANILCA Title VIII before fishing.

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